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SUBJECT: ANTI-BOYCOTT LAW

REF: (A) SINGAPORE 2232, (B) STATE 129122,
(C) SINGAPORE A-56 OF 4-12-78

1. LOCAL SUBSIDIARY OF AMERICAN COMPANY HAS RAISED
ANOTHER PROBLEM CONCERNING OPERATION OF NEW ANTI-
BOYCOTT REGULATIONS WHICH FORBID NEGATIVE CERTIFICATES
OF ORIGIN ON GOODS DESTINED FOR ARAB COUNTRIES.

2. COMPANY HAD IN THE PAST OBTAINED CERTIFICATES OF
ORIGIN FROM SAUDI ARABIAN CONSULATE HERE WHICH DID
ACCEPT POSITIVE CERTIFICATES. SAUDIS, HOWEVER,
BEGAN REQUIRING SECOND CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN COVERING
RAW MATERIALS (REF C) WHICH COMPANY FOUND IMPOSSIBLE
TO OBTAIN. COMPANY THEN TURNED TO EGYPTAIN EMBASSY,
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WHICH DID NOT REQUIRE SECOND CERTIFICATE, AND PROVIDED
NEGATIVE STATEMENT WHILE THAT WAS STILL LEGAL.

3. EMBASSY HAS PASSED TO COMPANY CITATION GIVEN
REF B FOR SAUDI DECISION TO ALLOW POSITIVE CERTIFI-
CATES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AS
TO WHETHER EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT ALSO WILL ACCEPT

POSITIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN AS REQUIRED BY NEW
US REGULATIONS.
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